

Florida Estate Planning & Elder Law E-Newsletter May 2020



Some of us are fortunate to have our mothers in our lives. For others, their mothers exist only in memory. Regardless, let's stop on May 10 to remember and celebrate the women who gave us the ultimate gift. Wishing all the mothers a wonderful day.

May is also Older Americans Month, and of course, Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day, time to honor all those who have given their lives for the defense of the country.

To all our clients, colleagues, friends and followers: Have a good May, and continued good health. Stay safe!

All the best,
The Attorneys & Staff of The Karp Law Firm



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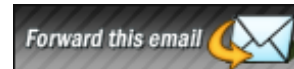
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Stimulus Money Could Jeopardize Medicaid Benefits

Millions of Americans have received or will receive federal stimulus funds. If a nursing home resident is on Medicaid and receives stimulus money, it might jeopardize Medicaid benefits. Here's how to make sure that doesn't happen.

[Read more](#)

Welcome To Our House!

The pandemic hasn't stopped The Karp Law Firm from working for you. Some of us are in the office, but most of us are working remotely from our homes. Stop by for a virtual visit!

[Video](#)

An Epic Estate Battle



We've reported on many estate battles, each one with something to teach about proper estate planning. This one involves a Hollywood producer, secret cameras, gambling debts, two marriages with children from both, and of course, lots of

money.

[Read more](#)

Discomfort On Both Sides Of "The Talk"

Does discussing your finances and future plans with your adult

children make you uncomfortable? You're certainly not alone. But guess what: according to a recent survey, your kids may be just as uncomfortable with the topic as you are. Nonetheless, it is a necessary conversation that benefits both generations.

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Florida Nursing Home Coronavirus Data Now Public

It's a grueling time for staff and residents of nursing homes, which remain on lockdown. Many families have complained about being left in the dark about their loved one's welfare. In response, Gov. DeSantis has now released limited information about the incidence of coronavirus at nursing homes and assisted living facilities statewide.

[Read more](#)

SSI and SSDI For Your Special Needs Child, explained



Our law firm helps parents plan for the welfare of their special needs children. One area that causes many parents confusion are the eligibility requirements for SSI and SSDI. This brochure from the Social Security Administration provides a good overview.

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Elder Law Radio: RMDs, Tax Deadlines, Our Virtual Office

Under the CARES Act, required minimum distributions are waived for 2020. Attorney Joseph Karp discusses RMD's, tax filing deadlines, what you can expect from our "virtual" office and more during his March radio interview.

[Listen to the show](#)

Get Your Mail-In Ballot For The Upcoming Elections

Given the controversy over mail-in ballots, anyone who wants to vote by mail is well-advised to get their ducks in a row. The primary election is August 18, and the general election is November 3. Click on the your county's supervisor of elections website to find out how to vote by mail:

[Palm Beach](#)

[Martin](#)

[St. Lucie](#)

[Broward](#)

A Potentially Profitable Diversion While Quarantined



Every year billions of dollars in "lost" money goes unclaimed. Why not use some of your quarantine time to investigate if any of it is yours?

[Find Out How](#)

Joseph Karp On Urgent Interest in Health Documents, Wills

Fear about coronavirus has increased people's interest in creating wills, incapacity plans and end-of-life documents. Attorney Joseph Karp commented on the trend for this article in *Treasure Coast News*.

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Cancelled Travel Plans: Can You Get A Refund?

Have you had your travel reservations cancelled, or cancelled them yourself out of an abundance of caution? Refund policies vary by industry and business, and are in a state of flux. See below for the latest information on what you may be entitled to.

[Read more about airlines and hotels](#)

[Read more about cruises](#)

Coronavirus: What Does Medicare Cover?

In March, several Medicare policies were fine-tuned in response to the pandemic, from deductibles to out-of-network visits. Kaiser Health News summarizes the changes.

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